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The Rt Hon John Denham MP
Secretary of State
Department for Communities and Local Government
Eland House
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Dear Secretary of State

STANSTED G2 PUBLIC INQUIRY

We have received a copy of the letter sent to you earlier this week by Mike Forster, BAA Infrastructure and Planning Director, in which he clarifies BAA's position in relation to its pursuit (or otherwise) of the Stansted G2 planning application.

Since the Public Inquiry was postponed by yourself until such time as the uncertainty about the future ownership of Stansted was resolved, it would be most helpful to know whether you agree with the views put forward by BAA. In particular, would you regard a resolution of BAA's current dispute with the Competition Commission over the forced divestment of Stansted as marking the end of the present uncertainty or, if BAA is still required to sell Stansted, would you consider it necessary to await the installation of the new owner (and confirmation that the new owner wished to pursue the SG2 application) before setting a start date for the inquiry?

Yours sincerely

Peter Sanders
Chairman

cc The Rt Hon Lord Adonis, Secretary of State for Transport
 Roger Pellman, BAA
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